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USAID AND WORLD BANK CONCLUDE COURSE ON LEARNING EVALUATION AND MONITORING IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

SANTO DOMINGO—In Janice L. Jacobs', Deputy Chief of Missions for the United States Embassy, speech in the closing act of the course on Learning Evaluation and Monitoring in the Dominican Republic, she stated that there exists a huge interest to "improve the Dominican educational system", at the same time that it fills with optimism when "confirming the effort of the Ministry of Education when collaborating with international agencies to improve the Dominican educational system. In like form we are in aw to find the answer of the civil society put together before the system's needs".

The World Bank Institute, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), an the Educative Reform Program for Latin America and the Caribbean (PREAL) favored the course, which was initiated last Tuesday, April 9. This course was organized by Action for Basic Education (EDUCA).

In her words, Ms. Jacobs explained "the Dominican education is looking to reach total coverage for school age population, but this goal should be accompanied by raising quality levels.

In like manner, she assured that "the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has come offering punctual assistance to the Ministry of Education to focus the technical evaluation specialty area. Fortunately, this is a specialty where the cooperation of the State and civil society will be able to bear much fruit".

The objective of the course was to offer a solid conceptual framework for the analysis of educative reforms, centered on the results obtained with the work in the classroom. In like form, capacitate educators in the management of evaluation indicators that allow the decision making in political educative material.

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Personnel responsible in the decision making of the national educational system, technical personnel from the Ministry of Education, university professors, public and private centers, and non governmental organizations interested in the subject participated in the course.

Participants as primary exhibitors were: Dr. Gilbert Valverde, evaluation specialist for State University of New York – Albany, Dr. Miriam Waiser, from the World Bank Institute, and Dr, Monica González, information system specialist from Argentina.